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(54) Organic eletroluminescent materials and devices

(57) According to one embodiment, a compound comprising a ligand $L_{\rm A}$ of Formula I

R²
X³
X²

X¹

A⁴
A³

A⁵

A⁶

A⁷

A⁸

R¹

is described. In the structure of Formula I, A^1 through A^8 are independently carbon or nitrogen, with at least one being nitrogen; X^1 is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and Se; X^2 and X^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of C, N, O, P, and S; ring A is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring bonded to ring B through a X^2 -C bond and bonded to M through a metal-carbene bond; any adjacent substitutions in R^1 and R^2 are optionally linked together to form a ring; the ligand

 L_A is coordinated to a metal M; and the ligand L_A is optionally linked with other ligands to comprise up to a hexadentate ligand. Formulations and devices, such as an OLEDs, that include the compound comprising ligand L_A of formula I are also described.

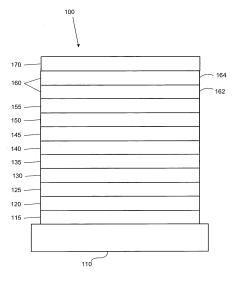


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